

brought to justice. Hear what he authorizes *The Minneapolis Mail* to say for him: "So far as his own case is concerned, Col. Kitch can be authorized to say, will waive

concerned, Colting, we are authorized to say, will waive any and all irregularities and defects, either in the drawing of the grand jury or the indictment itself, will admit every material fact which the prosecution can prove by any credible witness on the face of the earth, and demand a decision in his case by the court and jury whose duty it shall be to try him."

The admirers of soft money tried to hold a mass-meeting at St. Paul the other night, but succeeded in getting only about 50 persons together. Of course Ignatius Donnelly was there, and as usual talked the most "brilliant nonsense." He thought if the Government would issue a hundred millions of greenbacks frequently it would revive all kinds of business, and the whole country would prosper. This opinion, Mr. Donnelly informed his hearers, came from a study of the financial question. They could all know as much as he did if they would study. It is a credit to St. Paul that there are in it but only 50 persons willing to listen to such rubbish.

The inflation Democracy will not find much sympathy in Michigan. *The Detroit Free Press* says of the view: "It has been obtained from leading members of the party in the State." The heartiness with which Michigan Democrats avow their devotion to the hard-money principles of the party is noteworthy. There is scarcely any division of sentiment on this point. The march toward a specie basis must be forward, is the almost unanimous expression, made in various terms, but the same in substance. There is, however, a general feeling that precipitate action is to be guarded against, and that the fact that the country for so many years past had a currency which does not rest on a specie basis calls for wise and prudent action, so that the country may get back to a sound currency without any violent shock. The following, we think, is a good epitome of the views of the public mind on this subject: "We are in opposition to incessant tinkering with the currency, so that the business interests of the country may not be in a constant state of apprehension; but we are looking forward an ultimate resumption of specie payments."

Ex-Gov. Curtin has begun to speak for inflation in Ohio. He spoke at Painesville and at Cleveland on Monday, and went bodily into the inflation camp. The following synopsis of his speech is the only report that we have about the matter. He said that it was complained that the people wanted to do away with the middleman in our financial policy, when that middleman was the soulless corporation of National banks; he would plead equity to the self-imposed. He wanted a currency that was good alike for all—to pay dues at the Gastin-house and dues at the "Globe"; to pay the rent of the poor man's house and the rent of the rich man's; that the Government was responsible, and that he thought that the Government was capable of making such a note out of its greenbacks, and then the greenback would be as good as gold. His gravest fears were aroused by the attempts at centralization by the money power, but he hoped and believed that the people would be ripe for the day when they would be able to get rid of the elements of that power before it had accomplished its designs. He spoke of the great losses at stake in the Ohio election, and said that the people would be able to get rid of the election of one man or another, and proceed if Ohio was to have a new Government. He would follow with an increased majority next month.

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Will Mr. Thaddeus C. Davis ever resign?  
From the Canal Ring coat-of-arms: "D—n  
all honor in canal matters."—[J. Lord.

The Democratic candidate for the Senate in the XXXIII District is Jordon W. Reed, Mr. Vedder, the Republican candidate, has not yet withdrawn.

Ex-Senator Abiah W. Palmer of America is not, it seems, at the service this year of the constituents whom he has served so faithfully heretofore. He is not, as reported, a candidate for the Republican nomination,

Stripped of police paraphrase and circumlocution Jarvis Lord's letter to Bennett reads about as follows: "I am greatly obliged for the \$500 you sent me. There is nothing unusual about such gifts to Senators. I have received many of them. I have run on with my work, and will continue your patronage. His business will be continued at the old stand, west side of the Senate Chamber, seat No. 28. Bills passed, amendments made, and signatures pressed to bills at reasonable rates. Discount to the trade."

W. W. Braman was badly beaten in the R-Republican Senatorial Convention at Albany. It was well for the party, and well, too, for the man who has so clean a reputation as ex-Senator Harry R. Pierson. Mr. Braman was a candidate for the Albany seat, but lost to Woodin, Seligman, and Voddler. Mr. Pierson was a Senator from Kings County in 1864-67, and an Assembly man from Albany in 1874, and is now the Resident Director of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad at Albany. This nomination added to that of Senator Wagner makes two Central Railroad directors in the Albany Senate.

It would be a good idea for Canal Commissioner Stoddard to resign, near the close of his term. A Commissioner who makes large awards without examining the claimants' records of expenditures, and who allows his hotel bill to be paid when on official business, without inquiring who paid it, is not a fit person to administer the affairs of the Erie Canal. Stoddard can do no better than resign. In fact all the divisions could hardly be worse off than they have been if there had been no Commissioners at all. The reports of the Canal Commissioner contained the fact that the system of canal gatekeeping was a failure, and that the Canal Commission had been in charge of the contractors and thieves, and they pointed the way as they chose.

The Republican Party is not about to throw away its vote for a man so clearly by denouncing Senator D. P. Wood, but they had sufficient confidence of an imperial candidate to bestow upon him a coat of white wash—which bids fair to become a peculiarly Republican mixture. Though there were five candidates, Senator Wood's name was not even mentioned, until the close of the Convention, when the body gave him its benediction in the shape of a vote. It is a good thing that the Convention has decided to put him back as a citizen and a Senator. This can

undeniable instance of the difference between what politicians say in private and resolve in public. The Hon. Dennis McCarthy, who was nominated to succeed Senator Wood, has been Mayor of Syracuse, Assemblyman, and Congressman, serving two terms at Washington. He has been a leading figure in the movement in Congress by advocacy of Protectionist doctrines, and of sincere devotion to the salt interests of Syracuse.

The Democratic side of the controversy about the reduction of taxation is suited as follows by *The Utica Observer*: "Our Republican exchanges attempt to conceal this question. They enlarge on the fact that nearly \$200,000,000 have been paid to the payment of the State debt and that the State has been enabled to pay a large sum of money to the State Treasury. But the R-people have held the office of Comptroller during that time. All that the Republican Controller had to do with effecting the debt was to apply the taxes collected from the trade to the interest on the debt. That

He has failed occasionally even in that duty, and has blackened his record by disgraceful acts, is known to all men. But the essential point is that there was no retrenchment in the expenditures until Gov. Tilden came to power. He cut off \$2,750,000 from the budget of expenses. The appropriations were somewhat reduced to meet the unmitigable demands of an aroused and indignant public opinion. Then the Governor appeared with the printing-book of his veto power, slashing off every dollar which had been unnecessarily appropriated.

Mr. Bigelow gets this earnest defense from *The Springfield Republican*: "The treatment of Mr. John Bigelow by the New-York Republican party press is equally unintelligent and unjust. The whole business is a pitiful display of party disappointment and party spite; and we are surprised to see such journals as *The Utica Herald* and *The Albany Evening Journal* participating in it. It has been no secret that Mr. Bigelow has not sympathized with the dominant elements of the Republican party for some years. He was an open and earnest supporter of Gov. Tilden's election last year, and he accepted from him, last Winter, the chairmanship of

The Civil Investigating Commission, with, of course, the pronouncements and obligations of full sympathy with the Governor in his purposes, and this position alone would forbid him to accept a nomination on a ticket opposed to the Republicans, and to the cause of the freed and colored people. The Republicans were not in thinking they could tempt him to such an act of bad faith; his acceptance of the Democratic nomination was quite in accordance with his long-cherished views, and his previous conduct. Mr. Tilden and consistent with his manifest purpose to assist him; while the nomination itself was no sudden change of position, but a logical result of his long-cherished position, but had been talked of in political circles for weeks before their convention met. The Republicans are at fault, and not Mr. Tilden. It is a pity that Mr. Tilden is like a man trading the virtue of a woman who sells her office in marriage because she is poor, and that she is not certainly, has a new heaven hell to be pretty near business."

**PUBLIC OPINION.**

Mr. Ham keeps whacking away in *The Inter-Ocean* (Chicago) about at Secretary Brewster. He makes about as much impression as the blow by a woodpecker on a granite cross-stone. (Cincinnati Commercial.)

Before Delano's successor is appointed it should be ascertained that he is thoroughly rested. It took Columbus 42 per cent of his time to get over his fits of fatigue. (Cincinnati Gazette (C.P.))

If Allen is beaten, the complexion of the campaign will be changed, and Tilden will run the road up to the top. He will be the victor. The issue is precipitated in Ohio, will not wait for next year. It is undergirding its ordinal now.—Louisville Courier-Journal